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SUMMARY: NEW PARTIDO SOCIAL DEMOCRATA PORTUGUES (PSD) CALLING ITSELF CENTER-LEFT AND NON-MARXIST (AND SIMILAR TO SCANDINAVIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES) HAS APPEARED ON POLITICAL SCENE. EX-PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS, AND HEAD OF PORTUGUESE BAR ASSOCIATION ANGELO DE ALMEIDA RIBEIRO, AMONG FOUNDERS. PARTY DECIDED AFTER SERIOUS THOUGHT NOT TO JOIN FORCES WITH PPD WHICH THEY ALLEGE IS TO THEIR RIGHT POLITICALLY. PSD NUCLEUS COMPOSED OF FORMER MEMBERS OF PARTIDO REPUBLICANO PORTUGUES (WHICH OPPOSED SALAZAR REGIME), MASONS AND ASSORTED OLDER LIBERALS. APPEARANCE OF PARTY WILL MAKE INROADS INTO STRENGTH OF PPD WHICH ALSO CLAIMS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MANTLE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JULY 15, JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER RESIGNATION OF PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS, A NEW POLITICAL PARTY CALLING ITSELF PORTUGUESE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY FORMED. PALMA CARLOS LISTED AMONG THIRTEEN FOUNDERS, WHO PRIMARILY MIDDLE CLASS PROFESSIONALS. HEAD OF PORTUGUESE BAR ASSOCIATION, DR. ANGELO VIDAL ALMEIDA RIBEIRO, EDITOR OF SPINOLA'S BOOK, DR. PARADELA DE ABREU, AND NORBERTO LOPES, FORMER DIRECTOR OF A CAPITAL AND DIARIO DE LISBOA, ALSO ON LIST.

2. ALMEIDA RIBEIRO TOLD EMBOFF THAT PARTY IN MAKING SINCE SHORTLY AFTER COUP, AND IS NOT A GROUP HASTILY FORMED AS RESULT THE RECENT GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS. HE DESCRIBED PARTY, WHOSE PROGRAM WILL NOT APPEAR FOR 8-10 DAYS, AS CENTER-LEFT, NON-MARXIST, AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ON SCANDINAVIAN MODEL. HE HINTED HE AND OTHER FOUNDERS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DANES AND NORWEGIANS REGARDING PSD PLANS AND SCANDINAVIAN EXPERIENCES.

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3. NUCLEUS OF PSD FORMED BY MASONS, OLD STYLE LIBERALS, AND REMAINDER OF THE PARTIDO REPUBLICANO PORTUGUES, WHICH ACCORDING TO ALMEIDA RIBEIRO WAS ALL BUT PERSECUTED OUT OF EXISTENCE BY SALAZAR. ALTHOUGH NOT SO STATING, ALMEIDA RIBEIRO LEFT IMPRESSION THAT PALMA CARLOS IS A MASON.

4. ALMEIDA RIBEIRO CONFIRMED RUMOR THAT PALMA CARLOS HAD UNTIL

SHORTLY BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOUNDATION OF PSD BEEN NEGOTIATING A MERGER WITH CENTRIST PPD (WHICH ALSO CALLS ITSELF SOCIAL DEMOCRAT). HOWEVER PSD LEADERS FELT DRAWBACKS OF SUCH A MERGER OUTWEIGHED ADVANTAGES. AMONG ALLEGED DRAWBACKS ARE THAT PPD "CENTER-RIGHT" AND AMONG ADHERENTS ARE "MANY FORMER DEPUTIES AND ANP (FORMER REGIME'S OFFICIAL PARTY) MEMBERS." PSD BELIEVES THAT IT CANNOT AFFORD TO ASSOCIATE WITH ANYONE WHO NOT CLEARLY A "DEMOCRAT" AND WHO HAD TIES TO OLD REGIME.

5. PSD PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF NATION, WHICH PARTY BELIEVES ARE BEING EXACERBATED PRIMARILY BY COMMUNISTS. ALMEIDA RIBEIRO ADMITTED THAT PSD PROGRAM WILL NOT DIFFER GREATLY FROM PPD'S, AND THAT BOTH WILL COMPETE FOR VOTE AND SUPPORT OF SAME STRATA OF POPULATION. HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON POSSIBLE FUTURE MERGER WITH PPD.

6. ALMEIDA RIBEIRO HAD FEW KIND WORDS TO SAY ABOUT SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES, WHO HE LABELED THE "RIGHT-HAND" OF THE PCP AND WHO HE SAID HAD MADE HIS PACT WITH THE DEVIL (SEE LISBON 2978 IN WHICH MARIO SOARES RECIPROCATES ILL FEELINGS TOWARDS PALMA CARLOS).

7. COMMENT: PSD HAS A WELL RESPECTED, PROMINENT, AND "NON-FASCIST" BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALMEIDA RIBEIRO, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF PORTUGUESE ROTARY, PRESIDENT OF YMCA, IS ON COMMITTEE DRAFTING NEW ELECTORAL LAW, AND IS WELL KNOWN CIVIL LIBERARIAN. PALMA CARLOS HAS CLOSE LEGAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH BIG BUSINESS AND IS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MANY CORPORATIONS. APPEAL OF PSD WILL BE TO MIDDLE CLASS PROFESSIONALS, BUSINESSMEN AND TO THOSE WHO FED UP WITH STREET AND ECONOMIC DISORDERS.

8. PPD, WHICH NOW FORCED TO COMPETE WITH PSD FOR SAME TURF, STANDS TO GAIN NOTHING FROM COMPETITION. PSD WILL NOT ALLOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITSELF TO BE THE RIGHTIST PARTY WHICH THE PPD WOULD LIKE TO SEE ESTABLISHED (TO GET THE LABEL OF "MOST RIGHT" OFF ITSELF. PSD WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AND WILL NOT ASSOCIATE WITH THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MDP), WHICH GIVES IT A FREEDOM OF ACTION TO CRITICIZE FROM WITHOUT WHICH PPD WILL NOT ENJOY.

9. MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT ONLY LEFT STANDS TO GAIN FROM THIS "INTERNECINE" CONFLICT AMONG CENTER FORCES WHICH INSTEAD SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON GROWING THREAT TO THEIR INTERESTS FROM POLITICAL LEFT.
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